

REMARKS

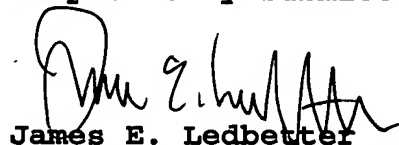
Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-6 have been canceled in favor of new claims 7-16. Support for the subject matter of the new claims is provided in the original claims, Figs. 4 and 5, and the specification on page 19, line 22, through page 21, line 9.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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